

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's

# News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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### **Greetings Volunteer Network Members:**

Welcome to our first official e-newsletter from the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network! We're excited to start connecting with you – our Network members – bringing you news you can use throughout your volunteer program. This bi-monthly newsletter will include news, announcements, resources and links focusing on volunteers and volunteer program management.

We hope that this will be a two-way communication tool where feedback and input are always welcome! We love to hear from our Network members and are looking forward to sharing your information, expertise and collective wisdom as well. So, read on and tell us what you think.

~Bet & Lucy

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network

P.S.- You may see a few formatting changes over the next couple of months as we get settled into this new routine, but we couldn't wait to get started, so please excuse our dust as we build this template.

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **S.E.R.V.E. IU Volunteers Available**

*Dates: June 10-12, 16-19, 23-26, 29-30 & July 1-2*

Looking for summer volunteers? Bring your portable volunteer projects to IU Orientation and let the new students that are on campus in June and July work on them for you! Last year **S.E.R.V.E. IU** participants contributed over 2000 volunteer hours to projects submitted by the community. Project examples include: mailings, food drive bag prep, assembly projects (see quilt project at right), letter writing campaigns, etc. If it's portable and volunteers can be trained to complete it, **S.E.R.V.E. IU** volunteers might be the answer you're looking for!

Project storage is available – so no hauling back and forth! Contact Christy or Emily in the IU Office of Orientation Programs at 855-4357 to connect with this opportunity.



#### **Group Volunteer Projects Wanted**

The Volunteer Network has been fielding a lot of requests lately from volunteer groups looking for large-scale volunteer projects happening this summer and fall. Do you have a large project that you could complete if you had 20-100 capable, available volunteers? Let the volunteer Network know where and when your project is and we'll direct volunteers your way. Call or email us to discuss your large-scale volunteer needs. Contact 349-3472 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

#### **Summertime Volunteer Recruitment – FILL THE GAP May - August**

Well, it's summer in the City and the leavin' is easy. Wait...that's not how it's supposed to go!

Summer in Bloomington can be a lonely time for a volunteer program manager as droves of student volunteers leave town and community volunteers give up regular shifts to fit in vacations and child care needs during the school break. How can you fill this summer volunteer gap? If you have a summertime volunteer recruitment need, let us help. Send your volunteer opportunity description to us via our online form and we'll do our best to help you FILL THE GAP this summer. [Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

## CALENDAR

**June 1-3**

**National Point of Light Hands On National Network Conference in Atlanta, GA**

**Sept. 1**

### **IU New Student Service Day**

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).

**Sept. 9**

### **IU Student Involvement Fair**

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

**Nov. 1**

### **CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church **NEW****

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

### **National Days of Service in 2008 **UPDATED****

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

## WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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